

COMMENTS

Original Claim 15 was not included in the 16 September 2003 Request for Continued Examination as it was previously withdrawn by the USPTO. In order to comply with 37 CFR1.121, Claim 15 was added to the list of original claims and the status of such indicated as "withdrawn".

If any issues remain outstanding, incident to the allowance of the application, Examiner Simone is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919)-664-8222 or via email at jingang@trianglepatents.com to discuss the resolution of such issues.

This Response to a Non-compliant Amendment is submitted via fax on January 16, 2004 to the official group fax number 571-273-1501.

Respectfully submitted,



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